

# WestTurn News

The official organ of Western Sydney Woodturners Inc.

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**Western Sydney Woodturners Inc**

**Twin Gums Retreat, Corner Northcott Road and Diane Drive**

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**Web Site: [www.westernsydneywoodturners.com](http://www.westernsydneywoodturners.com)**

## **Presidents Report July 2022**

A new Rikon bandsaw has been purchased and is now in operation. This is to replace the older small bandsaw that has been in the bandsaw room for many years. Various members asked, “what was wrong with the old one?”, and “why did we need to replace it”. To those members I say this, we have a monthly meeting, held at the club, where you can get the information that you request. The bandsaw was replaced because it had done its duty and needed a well earned rest. Simply put, it was past its use by date. It was approved by the members unanimously at the June monthly meeting to be replaced and that has been done. It’s no use after the event to ask what was wrong with the old one when every opportunity is given to members to keep “up-to-date” on what is happening around the club by attending the monthly meeting.

By the time this newsletter is published it will be less than a week to our annual AGM. I, and the present committee, have been nominated to stand again and to continue what we started which is to carry on ensuring the club is the best place for all of us to practise our craft. Because of your support, which each one of us is appreciative of, we will continue to strive to maintain our Club as the number one club in NSW and provide the best of care and attention to your needs and concerns.

Recently I was taken to task by a member for a word I used. Shock, horror!!! the word I used was “**business**”. I was then accused of trying to turn the Club into a business because I dared to utter that word. Of course it was taken out of context in such as I stated that to stock a product in our shop that would be impractical to most in the current size and that I would re-pack it so that it was affordable to everyone. I was asked “why would I do this?”, and I replied “because it was good “**business**” so that it was affordable for all”. I leave it at that but apparently the use of certain words is a no-no because it may offend some who should know better.

The Club continues to be financial even though the Covid Pandemic has seen our numbers decline and insurance costs rise to a level that our membership fee no longer covers the cost of the insurance. Hopefully, this will change, as membership increases to a stable level. Thanks to David Searle who has been liaising with the insurance company to get us the best bang for our buck and he has done that. Thanks again David.

A quick thank you to George Manou who attending very quickly to my request for the new bandsaw to be connected to the dust extractor. Thanks George it works as it should now.

Until I see you next at the Club, stay safe and stay well ... Les Coombes (President)

# SAFETY MATTERS

## A REMINDER ABOUT WORKSHOP SAFETY

We must all keep in mind the importance of WORKSHOP SAFETY. Please THINK and ACT responsibly at all times. It is up to all of us to fulfill our commitment by wearing at all times;

- ◇ Dust masks
- ◇ Protective glasses
- ◇ Suitable clothing
- ◇ Footwear
- ◇ Ear protection

It does not hurt to discuss safety with other members if they are not doing the right thing.

## ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

Could I please ask those members who attend our demonstrations, maxi-days etc; if you could take some photographs and a brief description of the event so these can be published in the newsletter I am sure all members would be interested in reading about the events of the day. Thank you.....Editor.



## CUT OFF DATE FOR ARTICLES

Please note the cut off date for articles to be included in the Newsletter is the last day of the month. All members are welcome to submit articles for inclusion.

Please send them to the editor;

Email address: [augoodtime@hotmail.com](mailto:augoodtime@hotmail.com)

## Club Committee

**President:** Les Coombes  
(0408760131)

**Vice Presidents:** Shane Catford and  
Paul Collins

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**Treasurer:** Eddie Catford

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**Trainers:** Graham Dawes (JP), Rod  
Brown, Ron Devine, Greg Sheath, Rob  
Stewart, George Mamou, Bob Taylor &  
Bob Young.

### Shop Managers:

Eddie Catford and Les Coombes

### Stores, Equipment & Maintenance:

Manny Farrugia, Dave Matthews,

Graham Dawes (JP), Bob Young, Ron  
Devine & Glenn Freeman.

**Acting Welfare Officer:** Eddie Catford

**If you have any suggestions or  
information concerning the club  
please contact any of the  
above committee members.**

## Club Hours

**Mon-Thurs:** 8:30am – 4pm...\$5

**Friday Nights:** 5pm – 9pm...\$3

### Saturday Turning

**Ladies Day:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday...\$5

**Contact:** Anna Dawes

9638 6995

tandawes@optusnet.com.au

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Month

8.30am – 4.00pm...\$5

**Contact:** Les Coombes

0404 001 562

### Maxi Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

11:00am – 2:00pm...\$6

(Lunch included)

## Club Meetings

**Second Tuesday of  
the month — 7pm**

### Shop items

- ⇒ Ozzie Grit
- ⇒ Friction Polish
- ⇒ Sanding Sealer
- ⇒ Sandpaper
- ⇒ Club Shirts
- ⇒ Dust Jackets
- ⇒ Club Badges
- ⇒ Pen Kits
- ⇒ Pen Blanks – Acrylics
- ⇒ Lazy Susan Bearings
- ⇒ Cheese Knives
- ⇒ Salt Mills
- ⇒ Pepper Mills

**Many more items also  
available**



A Catalogue



**A very big thank you to  
Michelle Rowland MP,  
the Member for  
Greenway,  
for her continued  
support which  
includes the printing  
of this newsletter.**

## Annual General Meeting

**Commencing at 11am sharp at the Club**

on

**Sunday 17 July 2022**

**It's our club, so have a say in how it operates.**

**Nominate and vote**



## Safe Work Practices

### Drill Presses

In addition to the General Safety Notes.

- Remove burrs and chips from a drilled hole.
- When making deep holes clean out the hole frequently.
- Use a clamp or drill vice to prevent the work from spinning.
- Lubricate the drill bit when drilling metal.
- Use the appropriate speed to allow the drill bit to “bite”, not burn.
- Reduce the pressure when the drill begins to break through the work piece. This will prevent the drill pulling into the work and breaking.
- Keep the drill bits clean and sharp.
- **Do not** set speeds, adjust or measure work until the machine has completely stopped.
- **Do not** leave the chuck key in the drill chuck.
- **Do not** hold work by hand when drilling holes larger than 12mm diameter.
- **Do not** place hands under the stock being drilled.
- **Do not** stop rotation of the chuck and spindle with your hand
- **Do not** remove a broken drill bit with a centre punch and hammer.

Take a look at our \*\*\* **NEW** \*\*\* website .....

**[www.westernsydneywoodturners.com.au](http://www.westernsydneywoodturners.com.au)**

Please feel free to leave a comment ....

### Members Welfare Report

The welfare of members and their families is important to our club. Please let me know if you or someone you know is unwell, or worse still, no longer with us.

Let me know at my email address: [catford@iinet.net.au](mailto:catford@iinet.net.au)

or

Text me on 0413 996 530

**Cards sent to** Kim Reeves, Ron Devine, Bob Ryan, Greg Sheath and his wife Debra, Vicky Eipper, Ken Vodden and Chris Hardy.

A sympathy card has also been sent to Glen Freeman on the passing of his mother.

If anyone has been missed, be assured that the good wishes and sympathies of our club are with you and your family.



## National Museum

### of Australia

The National Museum of Australia (NMA) is located on the northern shore of Lake Burley Griffin in Lawson Crescent, Acton

The Ultimate Australia Travel List ranks the top 500 tourist attractions in Australia.

The NMA is ranked No. 1 in Canberra and No. 48 in Australia.

One of the displays demonstrates the importance of the Australian Timber Industry, particularly during the colonial time.

Here are three turned pieces of Cedar and Bunya.

The museum is [Free](#) but some of the short term exhibits do charge.



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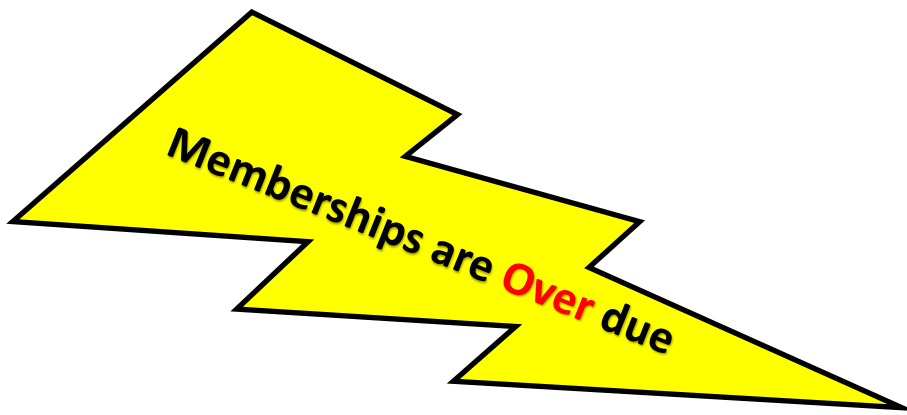
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**\$40 / yr (Cash or Card will do)**

**In person or on-line**

Please remember to copy and fill out the [Membership Renewal](#) form on the next page or refer to the web site for an electronic renewal form, complete it and submit it to the Secretary. Form is to be emailed to:

EMAIL the secretary on: [secretaryswt@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryswt@outlook.com)

Please include your name, email address, contact number and member number so that the membership records can be kept accurate.

Membership records are being checked for accuracy and where necessary, updated as part of membership renewals at the end of this month.

### **AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL**

The plastic bins that are provided for sawdust are not to be used for general rubbish. Quite often items are found in these bins that should have been placed in the garbage bins that are also provided. Please do the right thing and don't be a lazy slob who chooses to make work for others. The sawdust is taken away to be used on gardens and if it has general rubbish mixed in with it we will lose this method of disposal and all members will be required to take the sawdust they generate with them when they leave the premises to dispose of as they wish.

**Quote of the Month:** 1. Labourers work with their hands. Craftsmen work with their hands and their head. Artisans work with their hands, their head and their heart.

Author: Unknown

John was on his deathbed and gasped pitifully. "Give me one last request, dear," he said.

"Of course, John," his wife said softly.

"Six months after I die," he said, "I want you to marry Bob."

"But I thought you hated Bob," she said.

With his last breath John said, "I do!"



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - Due 30th June

**WESTERN SYDNEY WOODTURNERS INC.** (Register No. 9885415)

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I, (Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr.) ..... (Full name of Applicant)

Address.....

..... Post Code .....

Member Number..... Date of Birth.....

Home Telephone..... Mobile..... Email.....

hereby apply to renew my club membership for a further 12 months commencing July 1st., and in doing so agree to be bound by the rules of the Association as amended from time to time.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Complete this form and return with payment to the Club.
2. Post this completed form and a Cheque or Money Order (Payable to Western Sydney Woodturners Inc.) to Membership Secretary PO Box 4008 Lalor Park NSW 2147.
3. Transfer your subscription to Commonwealth Bank BSB 062452 Account No. 10294778, complete this form and email the form and the record of your subscription transfer to [treasurer@westernsydneywoodturners.com](mailto:treasurer@westernsydneywoodturners.com)
4. Fill out the Credit Card details at bottom and return to Western Sydney Woodturners.

**Note: Payment must be received by 01 July.**

### **Change of address and/or Details**

If you are about to or have changed your address or any details you may have previously provided, or wish to provide further details, please complete below as appropriate.

1. Name of Spouse/Partner..... (Optional)
2. Are you a returned or ex-service person? Yes  No
3. Is your Spouse/Partner a returned or ex-service person? Yes  No
4. Are you a Carer for a returned or ex-service person? Yes  No

**Employment Status:** Retired  Semi Retired  Employed  Student

I agree to my name and phone numbers and email address being included in:

The Club Contact List Yes  No

I will collect my copy of WesTurn Newsletter by: Website  Email  Copy at Club

Signature.....

Date.....

### **Credit Card Details**

Name on Card.....

Card Type..... Expiry Date...../.....

Credit Card Number.....

Amount..... CVC.....

### **Administration:**

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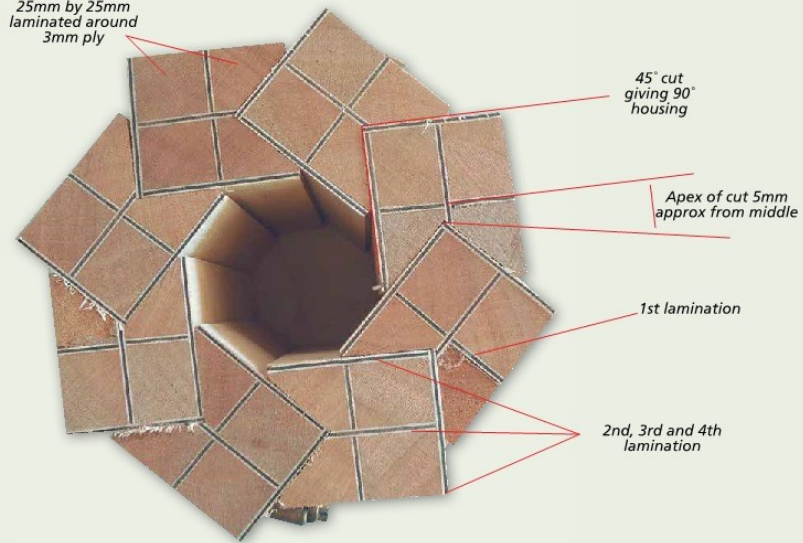
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(Renewal Form revised) May 2022

# AN OCTAGON

The eureka moment came after several attempts at crafting a hexagonal barrel shape. Cutting 45° mitres on a table saw is a much easier challenge. As you can see the mitred housings act as keys and lock the whole barrel shape together. The added surface area created by the mitred grooves gives the Tite-Bond glue more fibres to penetrate and lock together. This design evolved before my eyes as I turned it to shape. The scalloped sections added to the bottom and the top give the vase an Art Deco vibe. Challenging to create but worth the effort!



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**1** I started with eight pieces of 25 x 25mm maple stock 320mm long. A laminate of three pieces of 1mm veneer, two light coloured and one dark between them, was glued between two pieces of maple and clamped to cure. This was done four times. The 3-ply was trimmed once dry. NB: the extra lamination in the photograph is for the base insert to be made later.

**2** Next, a layer of the 3-ply is glued to one of the 53mm faces. As you can see I processed two 53mm-wide faces at a time by creating a sandwich of veneers between the two sections (taking care not to have any glue migrate between the outer faces of the veneer).

**3** Once the lamination is cured the ply is trimmed flush with the block. A veneer saw is the best tool for this.

**4** The blocks are now ready to be cut on the table saw. I swept the table down to remove any dust and then used a drafting square to set the saw blade at precisely 45°. The cut is made from about 5mm in from the corner of the block. Note that I have lowered the saw blade below the table and moved the fence to the right. I have removed the guard here for the photograph. These blocks were then cut to half length, giving me eight pieces.

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**5** Two pieces are joined at the short face, another lamination is added between the cut pieces and a further piece to one of the side faces. It is critical that the two 'sharp' edges are at exactly 90° to the face.

**6** After a few attempts without glue, I worked out that, with the two 'sharp' edges down on the bench, a small try square made sure that the pieces would be correctly glued together. Once cured another lamination is added to the face opposite the V.

**7** The blocks were then cut to half length, giving me eight pieces 158mm long. Now that the glue has dried thoroughly and the bottom of the V was perfectly clean, it was time to try a dry fit of the whole assembly and check for gaps.

**8** The dry fit looked good and didn't need any tweaking. It can be seen here which sides of the pieces were veneered.

**9** I applied glue to the V of two sections and inserted the square back of one into the V of the first piece. Glue was applied to the V of a third piece, and the square back inserted into number two and so on until the assembly was completed. I used two worm drive hose band clamps to hold the job while the glue set.



**Quote of the Month: 2.** When you are in the process of advertising your house and you discover termites fix the problem. Don't tell the world because bad publicity could turn potential buyers away.



## PONDERISMS

- Why do peanuts float in a regular coke and sink in a diet coke? Go ahead and try it.
- I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- Can you cry under water? If you try please let me know the outcome.
- How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?
- Why do you have to "put your two cents in"... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going?
- Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?
- What disease did cured ham actually have?
- How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
- Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?
- Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.
- Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
- Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?
- Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, so why can't he fix a hole in a boat?
- If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?
- If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
- Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?
- Why did you just try singing the two songs above?
- Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?
- Why is it, that the people who best know how to run the country, are too busy serving drinks, driving a taxi or cutting hair?

**Must Fly**

**Woodchip**

# \*\*\* WSWT RAFFLE \*\*\*

FOR

## 1 six piece set of Robert Sorby Woodturning Chisels

\*\*\* NEW --- Never been used \*\*\*

Valued at \$369.00

\*\*\* Tickets are 3 for \$10.00 \*\*\*

See Convenor

**TO BE DRAWN AT THE AGM**

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Member Birthdays July			
Member #	Short Name	Surname	Member since
3881	Barry	Carr	Aug-20
3843	Cindy	Kersaitis	May-19
2218	Dave	Matthews	Jul-04
2978	David	Mitchell	Jun-12
3585	Denis	Keane	Jul-13
2482	Don	Nixon	May-07
3838	Haydn	Young	Apr-19
3670	Ian	Frith	May-15
3837	John	Frizza	Apr-19
2569	John	Kostrzewa	May-08
3860	Marc	Ellis	Oct-19
3657	Michael	Jones	Feb-15
3761	Richard	Leniston	Feb-17
2167	Rob	Buckwell	Feb-04

## How not to turn wood.

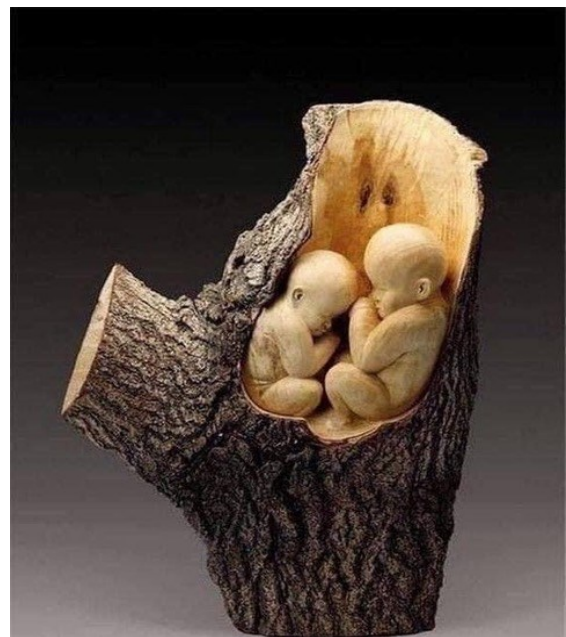
The person who published this photograph was seeking advice on how to stop the wood flying off the drill bit. He was also seeking advice on whether he could replace the 1/2hp motor with a corded electric drill bolted to the frame to get some more speed.



The woman applying for a job in a Florida lemon grove seemed way too qualified for the job. "Look Miss," said the foreman, "have you any actual experience in picking lemons?" "Well, as a matter of fact, yes!" she replied. "I've been divorced three times."



Some wonderful examples of the sculptor at work.





Introducing the new PPP replacement product. Just the name is being changed, the contents are the same as before. Alan, who supplied us with several products to assist with finishing our projects, called this PPP. It is a mixture of Bees Wax, Paraffin Wax, DE and Gum Turpentine. Its purpose is to seal and prepare the object for the final polish medium. Once you have sanded and sealed and de-nibbed the fine fibers, PPP is then applied to prepare the surface for the final finish. I have re-named it, **Big Als' Ozzie Grit**, because in some ways it is similar to Yorkshire Grit and other similar products. This is available as a 250gr jar in the Club's shop and considering the job it does is great value for money.



Second of the replacement products is called Big Als' Sanding Sealer. A mixture of Shellac and thinners to seal your project after you have sanded it to your liking.

Available in a 250ml plastic bottle with a resealable cap. Big Als' Sanding Sealer is not intended to add a stain to your project but rather its job is to seal the pores of the wood. An essential product in most woodturners kits as it's essential to seal the wood before applying any finish.



Our third product is Big Als' Friction Polish. Currently available in a 200ml bottle this will be replaced by a 250ml size in due time. Composed of a mix of Shellac, Denatured Alcohol, Shines Shellac Hardener and several waxes it is a well tested product that imparts an exceptional gloss finish that is long lasting and hard wearing.

Apply a small amount of polish to the piece using a cloth or paper towel, while it is on the lathe, but with the lathe turned off. Put some more polish on the same piece of cloth or paper towel and turn on the lathe at a fairly high speed. Use the cloth or paper towel to even out the polish on the work. Then apply pressure to the piece using the cloth or paper towel. Apply several layers as this deepens the effect of the finish.



Our fourth product is Big Als' Chopping Board Wax which is formulated to provide a firm finish which needs buffing to bring out its best features. Commonly, Mineral Oil is usually used to seal chopping boards but this product, used correctly, replaces the oily finish of Mineral Oil and imparts a mid satin finish which is easy to maintain. After sanding your chopping board to the desired grit then using a clean cloth apply a coating of the wax and buff until smooth and no wax remains visible.

# WOOD BANDSAWS

These bandsaws sit in the middle of our entire wood bandsaw range respectively for size & cutting with the throat capacity from 345 to 510mm and height capacity from 245 to 335mm, and the price represents excellent value. So if you're looking for a bandsaw that is structurally robust and has all the great features that most require, maybe these bandsaws are the machine for you.

Model	BP-355	BP-430A	BP-480A
Wheel Diameter	355mm	430mm	525mm
Throat Capacity	345mm	415mm	510mm
Height Capacity	245mm	310mm	335mm
Table Size	535x435mm	585x435mm	508x612mm
Power Supply	240v/10amp	240v/10amp	240v/10amp



Order Code: W4224  
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**W309 \$29.70**  
PSK5 - Safety Push Blocks & Stick Set  
Includes 3 x Push Blocks & 2 x Push Sticks



**W308 \$88**  
MTR-24 - Mitre Gauge & Fence  
335 ~ 615mm Adjustable Fence  
Suits 3/4" Wide x 3/8" Deep Table Slot

**W311 \$66**  
RG-190 - Ripping Gauge  
Ball Bearing Roller Support To Smoothly  
Guide The Timber Past The Blade  
0 -135mm Depth Adjustment

# LATHES AND ACCESSORIES



**W385 \$693**  
WL-14V - Mini Wood Lathe



**W384 \$869**  
WL-20 - Swivel Head Wood Lathe

**W301 \$132**  
WT-8 - HSS Wood Turning Tools  
8 Piece Set



**W387 \$2,695**  
WL-46A - Electronic Variable Speed Wood Lathe



**W305 \$77**  
BSS-5075 - Bowl Sanding Tool



**W370 \$198**  
WSC-100 - Scroll Chuck -100mm



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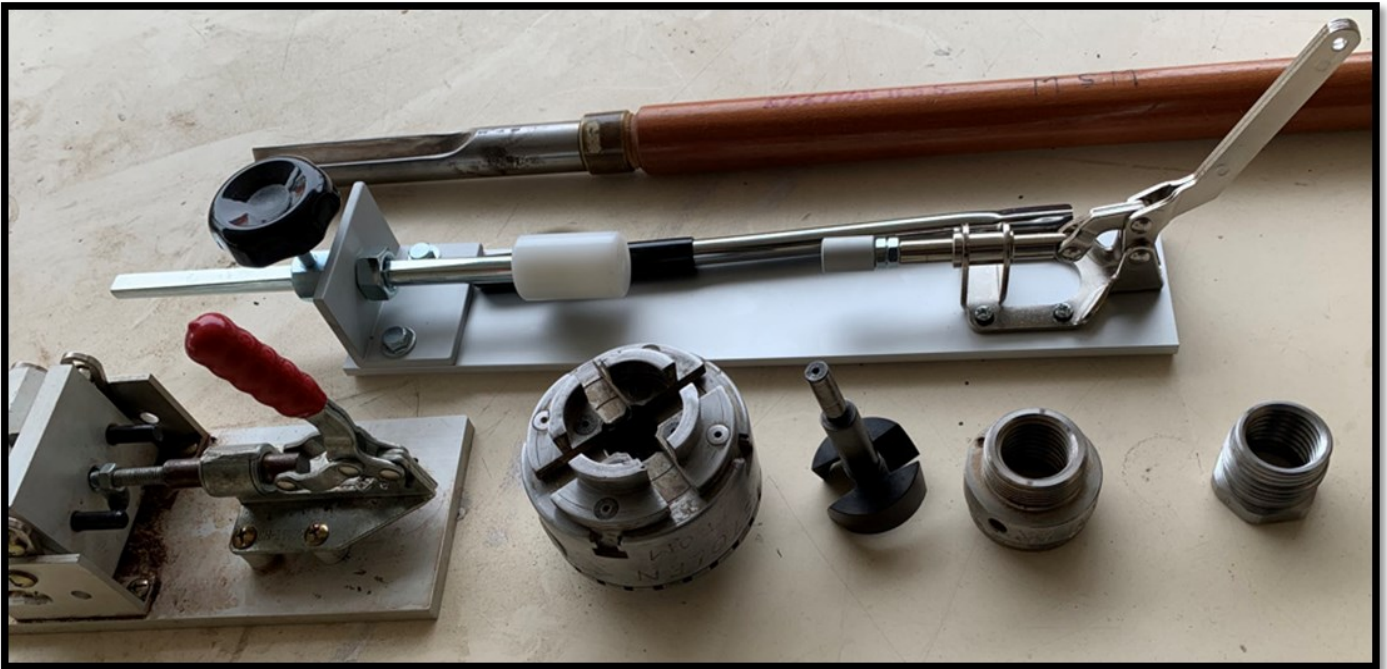
Right and Wrong

Missing Items

June 2022

WRONG

It is **RIGHT** to expect a club or organisation you belong to or are a member of to be able to supply the necessary equipment for you to conduct yourself in a manner to meet your expectations offered by that club. In most cases we are able to do that and are always endeavoring to upgrade the facilities by replacing machines and equipment.



**At the time the photo was taken the pen press was thought to have been misplaced when in fact it had been broken and disposed of and never replaced. The single Forstner bit is representative of two full sets "Metric and Imperial".**

It is **WRONG** for any member of any club to feel or think they have the right to abuse the facility or the equipment or even remove any club property without asking or getting permission to borrow it for a period of time. In the above picture there are several items that haven't been seen for an extended time and because of this it has caused no end of troubles with the smooth and effective running of the club. The snow ball effect starts from the original complaint from a member requiring the use of a specific item that is missing then to the numerous inconveniences to all other members who were relying on the use of that item to complete a specific operation on their work. Ultimately the delay in replacing the item causes more frustration as more and more members are waiting and lining up to use the item when it arrives, and then not forgetting the cost to the club. The replacement cost of the above items totals over \$570.00. As this is a considerable amount of money, I think we can all agree that it would have been nice to have that amount available to spend on more necessary and needed equipment. It would be very nice if any of the above items were to mysteriously reappear and there would be no embarrassment to anyone but a massive positive end to this problem.

**Eddie C**

Note: As in all professions there are many and varied opinions and ways of doing things. This is true of woodturning. These articles are a result of my reading various publications.